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1. Photographic surveillance of Cuba on 14 November was of poor quality and hampered by weather. The only significant note in preliminary analysis is that the nine IL-28 fuselage crates at Holguin airfield are still unopened.

2. UN Secretary General U Thant told US negotiators yesterday that Castro is insistent on reciprocity in any measures for verification or inspection. With this in mind, U Thant Monday proposed  that ambassadors from nonaligned countries should form a group for the dual purpose of verification and UN-Cuban liaison. This group would investigate complaints that:

- a) nuclear weapons are being introduced into the Caribbean area; or
- b) preparations are being made in any part of the Caribbean or Central America to invade any country in that area.


The Cuban press is concerned almost exclusively with the capture of the "Cuban CIA chief."

6. We have no significant new reports on the status of either bloc military forces or bloc shipping.

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